Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—There is a shop about half a furlong from the High School premises. Its distance from the Anchal Office is the same. The Police Station is about one-fourth of a furlong away from the shop.

121. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government is not aware that a toddy shop is situated close to the Post Office and the Prayer Hall in Paral, Kunnamkulam, and what is the distance of this shop from the Post Office and Prayer Hall premises?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—There is a toddy shop about ¼ of a furlong away from the Post Office and about 30 *Dhannoos* distant from the Society Hall, a building recently rented, and which is sometimes used as a Prayer Hall.

The sale of liquor to juveniles.

122. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Travancore Government has notified that the sale of arrack or toddy to young persons under 18 years of age and the sale of arrack to adult women is prohibited throughout the State from 1st Chingam 1102 M. E.;

(b) whether our Government has taken any steps in this direction, and if so, what are they, and if no such steps have been taken,

(c) whether the Government has any objection to follow the example of the Travancore Government?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. The sale of arrack or toddy to persons under 18 years of age and that of arrack to adult women has been prohibited throughout the State with effect from 1st Chingam 1102.

(c) No answer is required in view of the reply to part (b) above.

Liquor shops kept open at untimely hours.

123. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the names or location of liquor shops for which permission was given in the years 1099, 1100 and 1101 for keeping open the shops before sunrise or after 9 p. m., the number of days for which such permission was given in each case, and the reason or circumstances for giving such permission in each case?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The Government are unable to furnish the information required, as no special

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register showing particulars of night sales sanctioned is maintained.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have not the Government got applications for these?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I got applications.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it not possible to get information from those applications?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—But till recently, they were not registered in my Office. Since I have ordered recently that such applications should be registered, it will be possible hereafter.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—If applications were received, we can get the information, if they are looked into.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Since they were not registered, they are kept amongst other bundles. To get the information from that, much time and labour will be necessary.

President.—It is difficult to find out the information. Otherwise, by opening a register, we could have got the information easily.

Occasional licenses for the sale of liquor.

124. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the number of occasional licenses for short periods given annually for the sale of (a) toddy and (b) arrack in the last 5 years, and whether such licenses will be given in the ensuing year?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The number of occasional licenses given in—

1096	...	41
1097	...	28
1098	....	39
1099	....	56 and
1100	....	69

[N. B.—These figures represent the total of both arrack and toddy shops. Separate figures for the two kinds are not available.]

It cannot now be said whether such licenses will be issued in the ensuing year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The figures show that there is an increase. If we are working up to the goal of Prohibition, there cannot be an increase.

President.—The figures would show that they are increasing steadily; is it not?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—That is in regard to occasional shops during fairs and festivals. Fairs and festivals are sometimes held in the frontiers of the State. People from

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